HOW THE' WORKED YESTERDAY.

What They Have Done and What They Will Do.

In all the of announced that the New York Flower ommence work for the season on Mon-Mission woul commence work for the season on Monsay morning at No. 259 Fourth avenue. Some who
hatened knew pet what was meant by the "Flower
Mission." It those who did were gladdened with the
thought that whe pure, beautiful women who have lor
six years press gathered flowers and taken them to the
unfortunation is the prisons, the sick in the hospitals,
the infirm file "homes" and the insane in the asylums into file board another year of merciful work to
their record. Metropolitan charities generally mean
simply the opening of metropolitan pocketbooks. This
heautiful mission is an exception. During six years
its expenses have only been about \$100. The indices
simply a policit flowers, which they make into small policit flowers, which they make into small and distribute to the sick, the poor and the prisonced. All of their work is voluntary, and their rard is the blessings of the recipies of their favors.

o'clock yesterday morning the rooms of the on the second floor of No. 239 Fourth avenue d a busy, brilliant scene. Over the long tables strewn thousands of brilliant flowers, green such that opened blossoms. Gelden haired chilwer e eagerly passing from table to table, catching trays of flowers to complete the bouquets their were forming and arranging in rustic baskets. The cot the great city was there, and as busy fingrouped the flowers rippling laughter rose upon the country of the no hers call them, lifted their baskets and tripped by to the sick rooms and dungeons of the great city, to those ladies are no one can know. They have no president, no committees, no treasurer; they pay their own expenses and are happy in their work. What they want is expressed in a few words—more flowers and more ladies to help in their distribution. The Flower Mission is strictly ansecturian. Among its members are representatives of every church organization in New York—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Hebrew. The work of the Mission Roman Catholic and Rebrew. The work of the Mission s not restricted to the distribution of flowers. During the past six years the ladies have carried to the sick poor in tenement houses and hospitals contributions of fruit and other delicacies.

A representative of the Herald yesterday said to one of the "missionaries," "What do the people in the

hospitals say to you?"

"The drat day," she replied, "the patients to whom
the little bouquets were offered looked at them with
longing eyes and said they 'didn't care for any that
day.' They thought we wanted to sell them; but at
last one poor girl, almost too far gone in consumption to speak, exclaimed, in broken tones, 'Indeed, I would give anything for one of them roses, marm, but I haven's a cent to buy one with.' When we explained that the flowers had been sent as a gift by those who, although strangers, felt sorry for them in their suffering, the news seemed

'Those poor creatures were so accustomed to be for-joiten by the outside world that at first they could hardly realize this touch of kindness which had come to them. In a few minutes, however, all those able to hardly realize this touch of kindness which had come to them. In a few minutes, however, all those able to be up were crowded around our baskets, begging for swen a single flower, while those who were too sick to be out of bed were beckoning to us with pitful eagerness. We shall long remember the Joyous tones of a poor crippled girl, who limped off on one crutch, waving the other in the air, and shouting at the top of her wotce.—"Look a here, girls, git up, git up! Here's some ladies with a iot of flowers to give away for nothing." The only sad feature is that, though our bouquets are of the smallest possible dimensions, we cannot make enough to supply all, and the disappointed looks of those we have to pass by are very trying. When we had not flowers enough togo round—too often, alist! the case in our great hospitals—preference was always given to those confined to their beds, and the various subteringes to which the convalencents resorted to secure the much-coveted bouquets were most comical. One old blind woman, though well enough to be up and dressed, the moment she heard the flower ladies were coming would jump into bed, shoes and all, and, with only the tip of her nose appearing above the sheets, would announce in the feeblest tones that she "was very sick to-day." When at last a nurse told us of her trick, her grief at the thought of losing her "awest posy," as she called it, was so incluse that in future—she, at least, was always remembered. At the ond of our lirst season one of the chief physicians of this hospital was asked what he thought Titure she, at least, was always remembered, at the ond of our first season one of the chief physicians of this hospital was asked what he thought had been the effect of our Flower Mission there. He answered:—"I can only hope that you will continue your good work. On flower days the whole atmosphere of the hospital seems charged, the patients brighten up wonderfully and your flowers have done many of them more good than my medicine."
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"Ouring the first season we distributed 5,000, besides a quantity of trait, which was very acceptable. Our work has steadily increased each year, last summer the number of bouquets reaching nearly 26,000. The whole number of distributions of flowers, including also plants in pots (which have been taken to many tenement houses) since our organization has been in operation has been in round numbers 105,000. But while our supply of flowers has steadily lucreased, the demand has also in a much greater ratio. There are at present in the charity hospitals alone, under the charge of the city, over 4,000 patients, while the private hospitals, homes and asylums are almost innumerable. Every year, as the mission is better known, new applications come in; and the only unpleasant duty in connection with it is to decide which must be refused. We have tried to be as impartial as dossible. No distinction of color, creed or nationality has been observed. Catholic, Jew and Protestant have all been treated alife. But with the best intentions to make our flowers go as far as possible, we cannot split a ross. When we receive, as we continually do, such notes as this, coming from the head physician of one of our charity insene asylums (Ward's Island), 'Can't you let me have 500 bouquets for my patients? They have been quictay and better ever since the last you sent. If you would only come oftener'—and have perhaps sent off our last flower, then we wish that a little of the wealth of the overflowing country gardens might be poured in on us."

"Are you visiting many of the tenement houses fit "Yes; for the past two or three years an important branch of our work has been the distribution of flowers among the sick poor in the tenement houses for limitates when sickness is added to their other lils. Most of us have experienced the piensure which has few flowers can give to a sick person

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in their homes and gladdened with God's flowers. The numbers of the sick aione have been so great that we have not been able to extend our mission in some directions, but we hope to do so during the coming summer. The avenues are continually opening believe us. One day has summer a large box of flowers came to our rooms too late in the atternoon to be taken to any hospital. Having heard that there was to be a meeting held that evening at a mission among failen women in one of the worst quarters of the city it was suggested that we should send the loose flowers there, which we did.

The next day the missionstry in charge came up to tell us of the excitement they had caused. At the close of the meeting it was announced that some flowers had been soak, which would be given out to all those who cared to wait for them. The women were aimost wild suit delight and crowded around, begging for even a kind "just like those which used to grow in mother's hitle garden at home." Several of the enest hardeded somen went away in tears hugging their flowers to their bosoms. The lasty in charge said, "The great difficulty has been to induce the girls to come to our meetings, but if you would only send us flowers sometimes I really believe we could be the means of saving some of these poor creatures."

We hope to extend our work during the coming summer, and we can only trust that the supply of flowers will be as obundant as to enable us to realize hopes. What kind of flowers do you want, and, how should they be sent?

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ALL KINDS OF PLOWERS

are acceptable, but hiscs, pond hites, roses, honeysuckles and geranum leaves seem to be the greatest
favorites. We would suggest that the flowers be made
up ready for distribution. The bouquets should be
amail, the stems should not be cut off too short, and, if
possible, a sweet flower should be put into each one.
The cry always is:—"Give its something with a smell,
please?" It the flowers are sent in baskets plainly
marked, "Return to Mrs. —," the basket will be returned the following week; but if convenient, it is better to send them in pasteboard boxes, which need not
be returned. They should be marked:—

"Naw York Flower Mission, No. 230 Fourth avenue,
""."

packages should be sent on as early a train as nos.

#### THE STATUE OF SILENCE.

#### CEREMONIES OF THE UNVEILING IN THE COR-RIDOR OF MASONIC TEMPLE.

A marble statue of "Silence" was unveiled at noon ceremonials. The figure is seven feet nine inches in height, and stands in a niche at the top of the second flight of stairs in the main hallway of the Temple. It is the work of Aug. St. Gauden, a Roman sculptor, and was ordered from him four years ago and was ordered from him four years ago by Mr. Levi H. Willard, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for the purpose of the presentation which was so gracefully accomplished yesterday, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. In making the gift, Mr. Willard modestly stated that he took great pleasure in handing over the statue to the trus-tees of the Temple and Asylum, and hoped it would be acceptable to them. occeptable to them. Mr. Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, on behalf of

Burruhen s. storne, trand Master, on behalf of the Trustees, spoke as follows:

Burruhen:—We have assembled about the gate of this our Masonic home for the purpose of receiving and unveiling this beautiful gift of our R. W. Torther Levi H. Williard, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. This states, emblemaile of one of our great Masonic virtues, stands wish sealed lips and uplifted finger, enjoining upon us, as we enter, that silence which is not only a proof of windorn, but to which we own in a great measure the preservation of our beloved Order. This beautiful statue, which every brother may see as he approaches our sacred preducts, will be a constant mountor of that wirtue which it symbolizes, and, as the prophets taught by symnols, may we from this symbolic marble hear that "still small voice" which whispers to the soul, "Peace the still," giving us that trusting silence which has faith in God, hope of immortality and charry to all men. From man in his weakness we learn to speak, but from God in His over-abadowing greatness to be silent. In the presence of this handwork of man may we not humbly say. "Set a watch, but he had the property of my lips "."

R. W. Brother Willard:—On behalf of the Tenrettee.

handlwork of man may we not humbly say. "Set a watch, Oh, Jehovah, ever my mouth, and keep thou the door of my lips?"

R. W. Brother Willard:—On behalf of the Trustees of the Masonic Hail and asyluin fund, I accept this generous gift, which will stand for years to come, a monument to your fidelity and liberality, to be handed down to a grateful posterity.

Mr. John W. Simons, Past Grand Master, added his testimony of the gratitude of the Masonic Order for this proof of the generosity of Mr. Willard, and the formal ceremonies then closed.

THE STATUE is imposing; the left arm is extended from the body, and the right hand and arm elevated to the head, the forefinger touching the lips and very expressive of the admonition of "Silence." A manule falls gracefully from the head to the feet, both of which are exposed; a rose is held in the girdle that encircles the waist. All praise, however, must end with the general rocognition of the strong embodiment of the idea of silence; the execution of the subject is aimost wholly bad; the shape of both hands and feet are notably pulpy and defective; the paim of the right hand and the thumb of the left are clumy in the extreme, while the treatment of the manule over the shoulder and arm of the right side is rough and careless. It is to be hoped that the sculptor will in other works evince a better method than that displayed in his slovenly treatment of this grand dee of silence.

#### NEW SEVENTH REGIMENT ARMORY.

The General Committee on New Armory, consisting of seventy officers and members of the Seventh Regiment and Veteran Association, has decided to commence the erection of the armory forthwith, and has directed the Building Committee to contract for the necessary excavations and for the laying of the foundations during the present year. It is expected that subscriptions from veterain and exempt members of the regiment and from the citizens, business men of the regiment and from the citizens, business men and taxpayers of New York will be sufficient in amount and taxpayers of New York will be sufficient in amount to continue the work without interruption to its completion, and the Building Committee has been instructed to make no contracts and to incur no obligation at any time beyond the amount of mency subscribed and deposited to the crodit of the trustees of the Sevenin regiment new armory fund. The plans and specifications drawn by C. W. Cinnon, architect, have been accepted and adopted, subject, however, to such changes and modifications as the General Committee may direct. The architect, being a veteran member of the regiment, thoroughly understands its wants so far as accommodations for drills, meetings, &c., are concerned, and it is believed that the plans adopted will give the regiment satisfactory quarters for the next century at least. The ground will be broken within the next month. The work, being in charge of a committee of business men of experience, will be conducted in the most thorough and economical manner, and no effort will be spared to hasten its completion.

## DELTA UPSILON FRATERNITY.

The annual convention of the Delta Upsilon (antisecret) Fraternity will be held with the Cornell Chap-ter, Ithaca, N. Y., May 17 and 18. The orator for the occasion is the Hon. William Bross, of the Chicago Tribune; poet, Rossiter Johnson, Esq., New York city; Rutger's College delegates, P. H. Milliken, C. B. Pierco and H. Lyali. New York University, James M. Ricker and E. D. Bagen. New York College, K. K. Stearns.

## LIGHTING CARRIAGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:-It is the law in Paris, and I believe in all other foreign cities, that the lamps of all carriages, private and public, be lighted after nightfall. I have always supposed the object of this regulation to be the prevention of accidents, very liable to occur to pedestrians and vehicles, where carriages approaching in the darkness cannot be discerned at a distance. Certain it is that the cannot be discerned at a distance. Certain it is that the danger of crossing a sirect on a dark evening is very great when you cannot see a rapidly driven carriage till within a few feet of you. I had the satisfaction once of being knocked down one evening by a private carriage on Fith avenue and Madison square, where the asphait pavenceat is laid, happily escaping, however, with only a few bruises. Lights on carriages at might in a crowded city answer the same purpose, and are just as important, as siegh beils, which are obligatory. Their use should not be imposed upon the owners of one kind only, but upon all kinds of carriages private, livery stable proprietors object to their compulsory use, and that private owners say that the Common Council has nothing to do with the regulation of their carriages. O. the contrary, it is the peculiar province of the Common Council to regulate these matters. As to the livery stable keepers objecting, I can readily helieve it, as it will be some amail expense and labor to them to keep their "lamps well trimmed and burning;" an outlay which they might, however, afford, as they have, most of them, cut down the wages of their help and charge their customers the old prices. As to the private owners objecting, I can readily helieve it, as it would make their vehicles lest longer, and at crushes at evening entertainments would afford-much greater security, and would prove as invaluable custom. I, for one, shall be giast to light up.

I see no necessity, however, for different colors. In Paris the different coiors show the various quarters of the city to which the cabs ply, the private vehicles earrying a white light.

The introduction of the law would do much, too, is an introduction of the law would do much, too, is an introduction of view, to relice the somore appearance now presented evenings by our streets. danger of crossing a street on a dark evening is very

## LAST OF THE HALF DOORS.

Catharine Waters, better known as Kitty Waters, was held for trial by Justice Wandell, at the Tombs, yesterday for keeping a disorderly house at No. 96 Park street. The arrest was made by Officer Hogan, of Park street. The arrest was made by Officer Hogan, of the Sixth precinct. "Kitty" Waters is one of the most famous characters in the city. The house mentioned is the last of the dens which in former years were known as "the Five Points Half Doors." Some years ago the prisoner was one of the pretites of the girls in the Fourth and Sixth wards. One night she entered the Fourth ward station house to make a complaint against a woman who had assaulted her. Sergeant Charles F. Williams, who was on duty, had just taken \$120 from a prisoner; and Miss Waters, by putting her hand over the railing, stole the money from the deek and left. Detective Mulien was placed on the case, and succeeded in recovering the money and arresting Kitty, who was sent to the State Prison for five years, which term abs served. Her mother is reputed to be worsh \$100,000, which fortune was accumulated in the Sixth ward in a disgraceful business.

## THE RUSSELL HOMICIDE.

John F. Hailman, who was recently brought to Brooklyn from San Francisco, to answer an indictment found against him by the Grand Jury, for having killed William Russell, in June, 1871, was yesterday arraigned in the Court of Sessions, before Judge Moore. He pleaded "not guilty," and his trial was set down for Thursday, the 25th inst,

METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE CONDITION OF THE WESTERN BOOK CONCERN-ALTERATIONS OF THE BITUAL.

Battimone, Md., May 15, 1876.
Bishop Simpson presided at the General Conference

John Lanshan, of Baltimore, presented the following memorial from the Baltimore Conference:

The Committee of the Baltimore Conference on the Exhibit of the Book Concern, appointed at the annual season of 1872, made a report in which they called a season of 1872 made a report in which they called a shift made in 1871 and showed by add exhibit that there was a loss of \$250,000 in the amount of the net capital as reported in 1871; and whereas the committee also made the following statement:—"We also for the committee also made the following statement:—"We sherefore respectfully request the Book Committee at New York hereafter in their annual statement to give the Conferences an exhibit of profits and losses and the reasons for the differences between the eatimated values of assets in reports of 1871 and 1872; and whereas the request contained in the report has, so far as we know, never been compiled with We therefore request the General Conference to require the book agents to furnish a detailed statement of the cames of said defict, setting forth how much thereof is on account of red satate; how much is on account of merchandice and how much is on account of the book agents." Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

R. M. Hatdield, of Philadelphia, submitted a resoultion to alter the restrictive rules so as to give as nearly as possible an equal representation of clerical and lay delegates to the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

N. S. Buckingham, of Central Pennsylvania, submitted the following:—

Whereas, Our Lord's Prayer in complete and perfect form is found on record in only one place in the New Testament— namely, Satthew vi., b—1; therefore, Resolved, That this form be asbasicused and published in our Book of Discipline instead of that form now in use. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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The order of the day was suspended for the formal reception of the Internal delegate from the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. F. I. Patton was introduced and addressed the Conference, bearing cordial and fraternal salutations from the Presbyterian Church. His remarks were frequently applicated, and at their conclusion resolutions of gratification at his visit and of fraternal and Christian sympathies with the Presbyterian Church were manimously adopted by the Conference.

Dr. Nelson, of New York, rose to a question of privilege, and siluding to the discussion on Saturday last which arces on the report of the Committee on the Memorial charging the insolvency of the Western Book Concern, expressed regret that personalities had been indulged in. There were no personalities in the memorial, none in the report, and there saoud have been none in the debate in the Conference. He resterated his willingness to meet the chairman of the committee of the Baltimore conternece, or all of that committees, and taik over what he (Dr. Nelson) had said at the Conference. He was satisfied the disagreement arcse from a misunderstanding of what he said on that occasion.

Dr. Lanahan said he had made no allegations against Dr. Nelson in his remarks on Saturday; he had morely stated the fact as stated to him.

Dr. Newman said it had been stated that the Baltimore Conference was in favor of the agitation of this question. He merely wished to say such was not the case. If he could get a second to the proposition he would move that the subject be inceinnicly postponed to all eternity. (Applause.) Dr. Newman said down, and no one arcse to questions of privilege or to jurther agitate. A motion to adjourn sine die on the 28th inst. was tabled.

The Board of Bishops were authorized to nominate fraternal messengers to other churches, the number to be sent to each to be fixed by the Committee on Correspondence.

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Neneral C. B. Fiske moved that all record in the official correspondence tournal of the proceedings of Saturday; ast in Aelevence to the appointment of a committee to investigate questions of veracity or discrepancy of statements between Dr. Nelson and Dr. Lanahan be expunged from the journal. The proposition for such a committee was made by Dr. Newman. It was suggested that the adoption of the motion and its insertion in the journal of proceedings would perpetuate the very record it has designed to obliterate. After a brief conversational discussion it was agreed and understood that the Secretary should strike from the proceedings of Saturday last, as published in the Daily Christian Adocate of this morning, all reference to questions of veracity.

Advocate of this morning, all reference to questions of vermitty.

The Secretary said the report of the proceedings of Saturday as published in the Advocate of to-day were correct. The omission ordered by the Conference would be made in the corrected journal of the proceed-

The Conference adjourned until to-morrow.

## THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS.

A VERY REMARKABLE QUESTION AND ANSWER IN AN ASSEMBLY OF METHODIST MINISTERS. At a meeting of the Methodist preachers in Newark yesterday the discussion drifted to a question whether it was righteous to do wrong in order to accomplish great good. The question grew out of the case of "Rev." George K. Woodward. This person lately appeared in Newark as an agent of the Tem-perance Brotherhood, which is countenanced perance Brotherhood, which is countenanced by most of the clergy. His business was to enter salons on Sunday, procure drinks, eigars, &c., and then on Monday cause the sellers to be prosecuted for violating the Sunday law. Should the Church sustain Woodward, himself a Sabbath law breaker? was the question raised. To bring matters to a locus a clergy-man present asked il, in order to obtain evidence to prosecute and break up a house of ill-repute, a minister should visit the place and commit sin himself? Blank amazement was depicted on every one's face present. Rev. Mr. Graves alone had courage to answer the most extraordinary question. He raised his voice and beldly declared that a ministerial transgressor in such a case

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCES.

THE BAPTISTS RECOGNIZING OTHER CHURCHES AS CHRISTIAN-DR. CURRY ON THE METH-ODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE AT BALTIMORE. Yest rday morning the Baptist ministers met in con-Yest rday morning the Baptist ministers met in conference in the old church in Oliver street to gear a very able paper read by Rev. A. G. Lawson, pasior of the Greenwood Baptist church, Brooklyn, on the question, "Should Baptist Churches Give Letters to Members Desiring to Unite with Pedo-Baptist Churches?" This question was discussed a few weeks ago by the Philadelphia Baptist pasiors, who came to the unanimous conclusion that the proposition should receive a negative answer. Mr. Lawson did not, however, follow in the wake of his Philadelphia confrires. He maintained the wake of his Philadelphia confrires. He maintained that Pedo-Baptist churches are not of like one can be at one and the same time a Baptist and a Pedo-Baptist. Letters, therefore, if restricted to mere pertificates of full and equal fellowship in faith and order, never can pass between two such bodies, and he

order, never can pass between two such bodies, and he answered not by saying that such letters "should not" be given, but that "they cannot be," and there is therefore, no question to discuss. But if the word "letters" in this question is restricted to mean merely certificates of Chrustian character, or of membership for a given time in a Baptist church, then the question may and ought to be discussed. In the progress of the discussion Mr. Lawson submitted the following FORM OF A LETTER that might be given to such persons as are indicated in the question under consideration:—

To all that in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jeans Christ, both theirs and ours, greeting:—This is to certify that A B has been a member of the Greenwood (or other) Baptist church in full followship for six years past, but having charged his (or her) riews of certificate of Christian character and standing, and his membership with us is hereby dissolved.

Mr. Lawson stated the objections which he knew would be made to this proposition—namely, that it is opposed to all Eaptist usages; that it would leasen the value of a regular letter; that linguist churches would be compelled to receive similar letters; that an official interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange of letters will prove the high road to an interchange

Church was divided. The first two weeks have been devoted to receptions and appointment of committees, but no real business had yet been done and no reports presented when the Doctor lett Baltimore on Friday. The address of the Bishop was a very long and saile document. Mr. Goss asked why some member of the New York delegation did not reply to Dr. Lanham when he held up checks of the value of \$152,000 stolen from the New York Book Concern, when, as Mr. Goss believes, he (Lanham) took them away nimself when he was

agent here. Dr. Curry could not answer. He had fought that enemy here as long as it was worth flighting. Dr. True called up a resolution, which had been laid on the table, asking the General Conference to change the name of the Christian Advocate to the New York Christian Advocate. It was discussed and tabled.

#### CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

An unusually interesting ceremony attracted a large ongregation yesterday morning to St. Mary's Catholic nurch, corner of Grand and Ridge streets. The body of the church was filled by the little candidates. The rite was administered, at half-past ten o'clock, by Bishop McNierney, of Albany, in the absence of Cardi-nal McClockey, who is ill. He was assisted by Fathers o'Reilly, Baxter, Gleason and Rigney, of the parish. The administration of the sacratrent occupied several

#### CUBA LIBRE.

INDEPENDENCE THE ONLY BASIS OF MEGOTIA-TION WITH SPAIN - STRINGENT DECREES AGAINST CUBANS WHO WORK FOR OR TALK

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

I have the honor to enclose a translation of the de-Executive of the Republic of Cuba. Allow me to ask you the favor of having it printed in your next edition,

ours,

J. A. ECHEVERRIA,

Diplomatic Commissioner of the Republic of Cubs.

New York, April 16, 1876.

NEW YORK, April 16, 1876.

Colonel Juan B. Spoyarro, President ad interim of the Republic of Caba;—
Whereas certain Cubans residing in foreign countries are disseminating faise reports concerning a proposition of peace with Spain upon bases other than the independence of Cubas and, whereas, these same Cubans or others residing abroad are in the table of maintaining relations with the agents and Commissioners of Spain, and giving them to anderstand that Cuba may be induced to submit to the dominion of Spain on the basis of autonomy or some other equally dishouncrable; and considering that were these people within the territory of the Republic and the criminal enduct referred to was known, they would be tried as traiters or as spies and condemned to death in conformity with the circulars of February 15, 1871, and June 30, 1873, and other decrees on the subject, therefore I decree as follows:—

against the national soveroignty and the possession of Cuba abroad will see that the present decree be published in the national and foreign papers, and will reader an account the national and foreign papers, and will reader an account to the government of all individuals included in it to the end that one day they may be tried and punished with all the rigor of the laws.

Given at the readence of the Executive (Camaguay), on the 12th day of March, 1876. JUAN B. SPOTARNO, President ad disterim of the Espublic.

## THE MEXICAN GENERAL ESCOBEDO.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-

In yesterday's editorial upon affairs in Mexico you say:—"A despatch from Galveston announces that a bloody battle was in progress near Camargo between the forces of General Escobedo and those of the government. Escobede is a chronic revolutionist and may be said to be never easy in his mind except when may be said to be never easy in his mind except when he is fighting somebody or something." Allow me to correct this statement. The forces of General Escobedo are identical with those of the government, and he never has been a revolutionist. At present he is in command of the federal corps d'armée negli in action against the rebols of Manmoros. I will not intrude too much upon your valuable space by giving a brief history of his brilliant career, but will content myself with stating the well-known facts that he was the victor of Queretaro, the fall of which city into the hands of the republicans was the final blow to Maximilian, and recently he restored peace and order to the states of Michoncan, Gannajuato and Jalisco, which, incited by the Church party, had revolted from the lawful authority of the government. In a word, General Escobedo has rendered most important and invaluable services to his country, his political and military reputation is above repreach, and he cannot be spoken of in other terms but those synonymous with a loyal patriot, a defender of the Mexican constitution and a brave and honorable solder. By inserting this due rectification in an early issue of the Heraalp you will greatly oblige New York, May 15, 1876. General BENAVIDES.

#### REVENUE DEFRAUDERS.

Secretary Bristow has forwarded instructions to all the United States Revenue assessors in this city to raid on all cigar dealers and keepers of saloons in which cigars are sold who may have in their possession empty cigar boxes with uncancelled revenue stamps. The reason for this action on the part of the Treasury The reason for this action on the part of the Treasury Department is the growing number of frauds perpetrated by persons known as "blockade runners," who are mainly composed of Spanish and Cuban cigar makers and who surroptitiously manufacture cigars at their private residences. They go to the various cigar stores, purchasing empty boxes with uncancelled stamps and refill them. By this violation of the law on each 1,000 cigars they make \$2.40 for the price of the boxes and \$6 in revenue stamps, and are thus cuabled to sell the cigars at a price \$5.0 below the bonest market rate and clear \$3.40 on each 1,000. During the last six months this fraud has inoreased to such an extent that numerous complaints have been made by the honest cigar dealers.

## A BURGLAR ARRESTED.

While Detective Handy, of the Sixth precinct, was on duty in Baxter street, yesterday evening, he saw three men acting in a suspicious manner in the hallway of the tenement house No. 35 Baxter street. The detective noticed that one of the men had a large bundle tive noticed that one of the mon had a large bundle under his coat, and suspected that they were waiting for an opportunity to enter one of the numerous "fences" in the neighborhood. On the detective going toward them the three men ran through the hallway. Two of them succeeded in exapting over the rear fence, but Detective Handy succeeded in capturing the third, who gave his name as John Baily, aged twenty-three years, residing in Newark, N. J. In the hallway of the house the detective found a new pair of gray pantalons and a package of cutlery, consisting of sixel shears, valued at \$200. The property is supposed to be the proceeds of a burglary in Newark, as the cutlery is stamped with the name of a Newark firm. The prisoner, who will be arraigned at the Tombs to day, refused to make any statement in reference to the case.

## DARING RIVER THIEVES.

During the past three nights several raids were made by river thieves on the wharves at the Long Dock, in Jersey City. The robbers succeeded in ob-taining a lot of chairs and cordage which they containing a lot of chairs and cordage which they conveyed in the direction of New York. They managed to clude the watchman while effecting a landing, although he saw them approach from the New York side. It was only yesterday morning that the robbery was discovered. Detective Brown, of the Eric Railway, communicated with the New York police, yesterday afternoon, and it is expected that some arrests will be made to-day.

## NEW JERSEY'S BANDITTI.

Great excitement exists in the northern part of Hudson county on secount of the numerous highway robberies which have taken place there within the pas few days. The following are some of them:

Early yesterday, as Mr. John Rader, of Gardner

Early yesterday, as Mr. John Rader, of Gardner street, Union Hill, was walking through Bergen Line avenne, he was set upon by a number of highwaymen, who are supposed to be "Weehawken Modoca." Mr. Rader shouted for assistance, and, some citizens hearing his cries, the highwaymen ran off.

Haif an hour later a gentieman named Sieford was attacked by the same gang; he fought desperately, till knocked down by a olow from one of the ruffians. Just then they saw Constable Landrein approaching, and took to flight. The constable thereupon arrested the beaten man. Yesi day charges of inefficiency were preferred against the constable by Mr. S.eford.

Patrick Rooney, rendding near West New York, was also beaten in a brutal fashion at West New York by John Devlin, lately from State Prison and a notocious member of the Weehawken Modoca. Rooney was rescued from the hands of the ex-convict, and thus his life was probably spared.

A gentieman at Guttenberg was knocked down and robbed of a watch on Saturday night.

No arrests have yet been made.

## SWINDLING A PEANUT MERCHANT.

An Italian peanut seller in Newark, N. J., was swindled yesterday out of \$300 by an ingenious dodge. A well dressed young man visited him and displayed a large quantity of gold coin. He had a satchel, in which were what purported to be rolls of the precious com-done up in paper. He prevailed on the peanut seiler to advance him \$300 in currency, leaving the gold filled satemel as his pledge. He disappeared. Upon exami-mation the Italian found that he had been badly sold; that the gold come were only at the ends of each roll.

## FLIGHT OF A CONSTABLE.

With reference to the assessment of Constable Thomas Bentley, of Hoboken, it appears from investigations made yesterday that his defalcations amount to about \$2,000, the majority of which will have to be made good by his bondsmen, Counsellor Carey and George Meyer. Bentley also misappropriated a large quantity of red lannel, which was to be made into stirts for the members of the Washington Hook and Ladder Company, in addition to the \$200 he embezzied of their funds. He was a prominent member of the Order of Red Men, and it is alleged that the finances of the said mysterious association have also suffered by his hasty departure.

dent of the Board of Park Commissioners Comptroller Green has not paid any of the laborers employed in the Park Department, although there are two pay-rolls now in his possession which were made out in ex-actly the same manner as those he has been in the habit of following for the last three years. The man-ner of their making out has always been heretofore satisfactory to the Comptroller. Of the two payrolls

HIS:—
HOS. ANDREW H. GREEN, CONFIDENCE.—
DEAR SIS:—A report is made to me by Mr. Van Valkenberg the disbursing cierk in the Park Department that
you return to pay the laborors' payroils sent to you for the
two weeks sending April 22, 1874, amounting to \$13,617 29,
and that no reason is assigned therefor.
This delay of two weeks is very injurious to the laborors,
who depend on their work for the sustemance of their (smiles. Il your return is founded on any good reason and it
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If not you have done them by the delay an injustice which you should hasten to repair. Very respectfully.

W. R. MARTIN, President Department of Parks.

It is stated by a good authority that Mr. Green has been a personal enemy of Mr. Martin ever since a political disagreement which happened between them a few years ago. Mr. Green wished to have Mr. Stebbins re-elected as President of the Board.

#### MUNICIPAL NOTES.

The Comptroller yesterday paid the salaries of the public school teachers for April-\$219,095.

There was paid by the Comptroller yesterday \$8,505 82 for the support of the Child's Nursery during the month of April.

The Skidmore Guards (a colored organization in the city) have asked the Aldermen to designate an armory

The Chamberlain reports a balance in the city treasury of \$1,848,644 88 on May 13.

In March last the Board of Aldermen called upon In March last the Board of Aldermen called upon the Park Commission to complete the roadway across Washington Park, so as to permit of easy passage between Fifth avenue and South Fifth avenue. No action has been taken by the Commissioners, and the roadway is an eyesore and a disgrace to the city. It is likely that something will be done in the matter by the Aldermen on Thursday next.

The Excise Board yesterday reconstructed the clerical and inspection force, and nearly all the old corps have been removed. Mayor Wicklam stated that he had neither influenced the commission nor had he learned that they had made any changes.

The Sinking Fund Commissioners vesterday confirmed the lease made to the Fire Railroad Company for the Twenty-third street ferry, subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel.

At the meeting of the Sinking Fund Commissioners yesterday a resolution of the Comproller, providing that the payroils of the Bonk Department be countersigned by the various Commissioners, was referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion.

# BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

The annual election of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters was held yesterday, at No. 158 Broadway, and the following officers were elected:-President, Daniel A. Heald; Vice President, Edward A. Walton; Trassurer, Marcus F. Hodges; Secretary, William W. Heushaw; Assistant Secretary, J. M. Tompkins.
Committee on Finance—Henry A. Oakiey, George T. Hope, Steph n. Crowell, A. B. McDonald, John D. Cocks, D. Underhill, J. A. Alexander.
Committee on Fire Patrol—M. L. Crowell, E. Alfiger, James H. Ames, W. De L. Boughton, C. M. Peck, Win. M. Raodell, C. W. Standart.
Committee on Laws and Legislation—P. Notman, John H. Baker, E. W. Crowell, George M. Coit, W. H. Ross, J. W. Murray, A. J. Smith,
Committee on Rates and Surveys—F. H. Carter, S. P. Blagden, H. H. Hail, J. S. Hollinshead, A. H. Walton, J. H. Washburn, J. E. Kahl.
Committee on Police and Origin of Fires—E. B. Fellows, R. D. Alliger, I. Remsen Lane, B. Lockwood, George W. Montgomery, T. B. Jones, Louis Monrose. Daniel A. Heald; Vice President, Edward A. Walton

George F. Dickinson, broker, of No. 35 Broad street has filed a petition in bankrupicy. He has sixty-three creditors, to whom he owes about \$130,000. The largest creditors are:-Peter P. Parrott, \$70,000; Asher Vonheimer, \$25,889 96; W. H. Chamberlin, \$6,500.

Among the creditors are Jay Gould, Charles J. Osborna,
S. M. Mills, S. V. White and W. H. Granberry. His
assets consist of wearing apparel.

The firm of Pollock & Lux, worsted goods, at No. 494
Broadway, has been adjudged bankrupt by Register
Fitch on the petition of eight of the creditors, whose
claims amount to about \$10,000.

BROOKLYN BRIDGE DIRECTORY. The Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board New York directory of the Brooklyn Bridge, have secured the resignation of F. B. Turber, and filled the vacancy by the appointment of Charles J. Canda, one of the Rapid Transit Commissioners under the Husted bill.

## A WIFE ACQUITTED.

Coroner Nolan yesterday afternoon held an inquest at the Fourth District Court room into the cause of the death of James Jackson, No. 218 North Eighth street, Williamsburg. It was reported that he had been killed by his wife, who had pushed him down stairs during a drunken fight

cated and would not go into the house when requested to do so by his wife, and in her efforts to get him in, out of the way of a crowd, she pushed him down the area steps, and his head striking against the door post, his neck was broken. The jury brought in a verdict exonerating her, and she was discharged.

## SAMUEL HIRSCH'S DEATH.

Coroner Ellinger held an inquest vesterday morning in the case of Samuel Hirsch, the prominent lawyer who was found drowned on the 27th ult. at pier 37 East River. The wife of the deceased, some of his acquaint-ances, and Charles Strongberg, night inspector of street cleaning, were examined. It was proved that the decleaning, were examined. It was proved that the de-ceased had no intention of committing suicide, having made appointments to meet some of his friends the next day and being in good spirits. He was an absent-minded man used to walking through the streets uncon-scious of where he was going. The jury after a short deliberation came to the conclusion that "Samuel Hirsch came to his death by accidentally falling from pier 37 East River, on the 27th day of April, 1876," and recommended that proper means be taken in the con-struction of piers to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

## MARRIAGES AND DEATIES.

MARRIFO

GULBERT—HAIGHT.—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday, May 11, 1876, by Rev. Mr. Saver, Patke. A. Gulbert to Mary Essay, eldest daughter of Stephen P. Haight, all of this city.

KAIN.—STRAUSS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, 205 West 14th at, by Rev. Dr. H. Goldstine, JOSEPE KAME to HENRIETTA BYBAUSS, both of New York at the Company of the Property of the

O DIED.

AIMS.—On Monday, May 16, TAMER ANN, widow of the late Wm. F. Alms, in the 58th year of her ago.

The relatives and friends of the faunity are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, White Plains, on Wednesday, May 17, at two o'clock P. M. Train leaves Grand Contral depot at 11:30 A. M.

ASFRLL.—Sunday, May 14, 1876, Mart ANNE ASFRLL, widow of Artemás D. Aspell.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the laneral, from St. Chrysotom's chapol, 39th St., corner 7th av., Tuesday, May 16, at half-past bine A. M. Remaius will be taken to Florida, Orange county, N. Y.

Orange county papers please copy.

AUGINITIES.—At Montclair, N. J., on Saturday, May 18, ANN JANR, wife of John S. Aughiltree.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the North Presbyterian church, corner of 31st st. and 9th av., on Wednesday, 17th inst., at two P. M.

BANCROFT.—In this city, on Monday, May 18, 1876,

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MARY E. C., widow of John T. Bancroft, and daughter
of the late Major Thomas E. Ketcham, United States

of the late Major Thomas E. Ketcham, United States Army.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to at tend the inneral, on Wednesday, at two o'clock, from her late residence, 28 East 47th at.

Birkhopp.—On Monday evening, at a quarter after accen, Lawis Birkhopp, in the 50th year of his age.

Notice of inneral hereafter.

Bhows.—On Monday. May 15, Graraums, daughter of Edward G. and Virginia Brown, aged 3 years and 9 months.

THE COMPTROLLER AND THE PARKS.

PARKS.

William Blondel, and his brothers, George T. Broome and Colonel John L. Broome, United States Marine Corps, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, at two P. M., on Wednesday, May 17, inst.

BYESS.—On May 14, MARTHA BYESS, wife of John

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HYESS.—On May 14, MARTHA BYESS, wife of John Byess.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, at 345 West 43d st., on Tuesday, loth, at two P. M.

CAPPENTER.—On May 15, SARAH E. DEALL, wife of Urish F. Carjenter.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at 8t. Thomas' church, Mamaroneck, on Thursday, at half-past one o'clock P. M. Trains leave Grand Central depot at twelve o'clock M. Carlaces will be in waiting at depot on arrival of train. Returning train icaves Mamaroneck at 5:08 P. M.

CLARE,—On Sunday, May 14, Jons, the beloved husband of Bridget, and only son of Mary and the late Patrick Clark, of the partish of Mullagh, county Cavan, Ireland, in the 45th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, May 16, at two o'clock P. M., from his late residence, 445 West 26th 2t.

Donnetla, ged 38 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 516 Newark av., Jersey City Heights, on Wednesday, May 17, at mine A. M.; thence to St. Joseph's church, Baldwin av., where a mass of requirem will be offered up for the repose of his soul.

DONOUTE.—CATRERING MULLIDAN, wife of Philip Donnehue, on Sunday, May 16, age 35 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, May 16, attends the funeral of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, May 16, at ten A. M.; thence to the Church of the Transfiguration, Mutatwood and the funeral of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, May 16, at ten A. M.; thence to the Church of the Transfiguration, Mutatwood and the funeral of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, May 16, at ten A. M.; thence to the Church of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral for Medical Action of the family are respectfully invited to attend

funeral from his late residence. Summer avenual Woodside, Newark, on Wednesday, at three o'clock P. M.

KRLLY.—At Mount Hope, Tremont, on Sunday, May 14, of diphtheria. Agars Krlly, daughter of John E. and Ellon M. Kelly, aged 8 years and 10 months.
Funeral at eleven o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 16; to Calvary Cemetery.

KURNER.—On Monday, May 15, John M. KURNER, only son of John M. and Mary A. Kurner, aged 1 year, 7 months and 26 days.
Funeral will take place from 236 West 27th st., this Tuesday, at two P. M. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

LEVY.—On Sunday, May 14, 1876, LEWIS LEVY, aged 53 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 150 East 56th st., at one o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, 16th inst. Notice.—The members of Temple Beth El are requested to attend the funeral of Mr. LEWIS LEWY, from his late residence, No. 150 East 56th st., this (Tuesday) afternoon at one o'clock, without further notice. By order of the President.

C. N. JOSEPHSON, Scoretary.

LOCKWOOD.—At Stanwich, Conn., on Monday, May

order of the President.

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Lockwood.—At Stanwich, Cond., on Monday, May 15, Edmend S. Lockwood. Jormerly a sergeant of the Metropolitan Police.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, at his late residence at Stanwich, Cond., on Thursday, May 18, at one o'clock P. M. There will be carriages in attendance at Greenwich, Connecticut., on the day of the funeral, to meet the 10.10 A. M. train from the Grand Central Depot.

Locgiers.—Attwenty minutes to ten P. M., Maria Guinn, the beloved wife of Patrick Loughren, a native of lavagh, county Tyrone, Ireland.

She has left three beloved sisters and one brother, who lament the sad loss they have met with.

The funeral will take place at one o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, from her late readence, 61 Bank at. The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. MCLLEDA.—On Sunday, May 18, Harry S. MCLLEDA.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 182 Chatham square, on Tuosday, May 16.

MCLLEDA.—Members of the Nappertandy Club will meet at No. 193 Bowery, at half-past twolve P. M., to attend the tuneral of our late brother, H. S. Mulleda. Members of the Clan-na-Gael are invited to attend.

MORTIMER MOYNARAN, Secretary.

Company A., I. V., will assemble in full uniform at armory, corner Ludlow and Grand Sta at twolve enarp.

JOHN O'CONOR, Lieutenaut Commanding.

J. D. Weldnick, Orderly Sergeant.

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MURRAY.—On Sunday, May 14th, 1981, PETER MURRAY, pastive of Ireland, born in county Down, agod 51 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late real dence, No. 552 East 14th at, at two P. M., on Tuesday, Helinst papers please copy.

McGowas.—At Winneld, L. I., on Saturday, May 13, after a short tilness, Michaelt, McGowas, aged 52 years.

The relatives and friends of the lamily are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from St. Mary's church, Winfield, on Tuesday, the 16th, at ten A. M. Page.—In Brooklyn, May 16, 1876, Elexabeth S., wife of H. C. Page, aged 39 years and 5 month.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 313 Livingston at., on Thursday, May 18, at two P. M. Friends and relatives and members of facilic Lodge, No. 238, F. and A. M., and Lafayette Lodge, No. 29, K. of P., are invited to attend without further notice.

Pushey.—At Peckskill, on Monday, May 15, David Pushey, in the 70th year of his age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, on Wednesday, at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

Radax.—On Saturday, May 13, at the residence of her son-h-law, J. L. Benjamin, No. 430 West 44th st., Charlotte Stoppore Badas, in the 63d year of her age.

Radan,—On Saiurday, May 18, at the residence of her son-in-law, J. L. Benjamin, No. 430 West 44th at, Charlotte Storedo Radan, in the 65d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectively invited to attend the funeral, from the Fortythird street Methodist Episcopal church, near 8th av., this (Tuesday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

Rick.—In Jersey City, on Monday, 15th inst., Sarak, wife of Henry Rice, in the 38th year of her age.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, 233 4th st., at half-past eight o'clock on Wesineaday morning, 17th inst., thence to 8t. Mary's church, where a requiem mass will be offered up for the happy repose of her soul.

Rowas.—On Sunday, May 14, Mary B., wife of Vice Admiral S. C. Rowan, United States Navy.

Funeral services at Church of Holy Trinity, Brook byn, on Wedneaday, May 17, at four P. M.

RUTHERFORD.—At her residence, Toronic, Ontario, Canada, December 14, 1876, Jank RUTHERFORD, widow of Alian Rutherford, late of this city.

She fainted not when her strength grew less; Feared not for the dark wayside Where the lengthening shadows gilde, Journeyed with no doubtful tread To the land unvisited.

Warked for her the angel spear, Breathed for her the Comforter; Mercy heard her in each cry Oi her soul's mute agony.

Through the barred and vaulted tomb opens her eternal home.

Her remains were conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery for interment.

Sacras.—On Sunday, May 14, 1876, in the 6th year of her age, Tarasa Zhilah, only Gaughter of Oscar and Augusta Sachs.

The relatives and friends of the family are respect fally invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her percents, No. 112 East 62d st., on Tuesday, 18th inst., at one o'clock P. M. A special train will leave the depot of the Long Island Railroad at Hunter's Point at 3:30 A. M. on that day, stopping at Central Islip and Lakeland, and recurning after the funeral.

The analysis of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, on Tuesday, 16th inst. at one o'clock

three o'clock.

Richmond and Norfolk papers plans copy.

Youngs.—On Sasurday afternoon, May 12, William

Youngs, in the 63d year of his egs.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to
attend the feneral, from his late residence, No. 15 West
doth at, on Tuesday morning, the 18th fust, at eleven
o'clock.